

will become weak and vacillating, the season for forming those habits which ought to regulate our lives will have gone by, and we shall go forth into the great arena of life irresolute in all our purposes, and incapable of being content in any situation.

Discontentment is ingratitude to our Heavenly Father. He has placed us in the situation, which in His infinite wisdom He saw best, and even if it is not in the circle of wealth and distinction, yet it is a situation in which we may be happy. We have only to look about us in the world to see the wretchedness and misery of our fellow-beings. He who notices the fall of a sparrow is not regardless of our happiness. How ungrateful it is for us to murmur at His will; it is His paternal love and care which has provided all our wants and the blessings of life.

"Contentment is better than riches."

True happiness does not depend on great wealth and fame, but upon the faithful discharge of the duties and small things of every day existence.

"Let calm content thy mind control,
 'Twill all life's dreary vale illumine,
 Each joy enhance, each grief console,
 And o'er thy slumbers breathe perfume."

Henry Coyle,

in Catholic School and Home Magazine.

THE A. P. A. IN MICHIGAN.

CONGRESSMAN WEADOCK EXPOSES IT IN THE HOUSE.

When Mr. Linton, Republican and A. P. A. member of the House from Michigan, Thursday attacked the Catholics of the country for using some of the money appropriated for the education of the Indians, he probably simply followed the dictates of the association, narrow and bigoted, of which he is a member, and which requires its members to unremitting war on "Papists."

There was no excuse for the attack made by Mr. Linton, except that the Indian Appropriation bill was before

the House and it contained provision for schools among the Indians.

The Government does not make Catholic schools, nor does it set up Protestant schools. It finds some of the post schools established by Catholic missionaries, and it is possible to make a little money go further in educational work by helping denominational schools that are already established. In this way there are schools admitted by all who have looked at them to be very good.

It does not appear to be permissible to an A. P. A. person to admit that anything that is Catholic can be good, and this idea seems to have got into politics in Michigan. Representative Weadock, who comes from the same State as Mr. Linton, responded yesterday to the Linton speech of Thursday, and he was listened to with strict attention during the larger part of an hour.

After he had quoted the last report of the commissioner of Indian Affairs to prove that Mr. Linton had misrepresented the character of the contract schools, he came around to the motives that inspired Mr. Linton, and this gave him a chance to make such an exposition of the A. P. A. as a party has not had in the House for many a day.

The methods resorted to in Michigan in the last campaign to poison the minds of the voters were so extreme that those were astonished who heard Mr. Weadock read a report in the case of Youmans against Linton, printed in October last, but which few persons in the House appear to have read.

Now that the A. P. A. has been introduced as a subject, it is impossible there will be plenty of information in the *Record* about it if it is to be an issue in the next campaign. Mr. Weadock read some astonishing statements about the A. P. A. of Colorado, where they pursued a man who had offended the order, not only while he was alive, but made arrangements to